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CHANGES. PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY WHEN SECRETARY
HAS APPROVED.

2. TEXT AS APPROVED HERE (BRASILIA PYTO AND 0702)
IS AS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT:
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING CONSULTATIONS ON
MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC
OF BRAZIL:

INSPIRED BY THE LONG TRADITION OF FRIENDSHIP
AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THEIR TWO PEOPLES:

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REAFFIRMING THE NEED TO GIVE WIDER EXPRESSION

TO THE SOLIDARITY OF THE WESTERN WORLD AND THE BENEFITS
TO BE DERIVED FROM A CONSTRUCTIVE INTERPRETATION OF
THE CONCEPT OF INTERDEPENDENCE AMONG ALL NATIONS:

RECOGNIZING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THEIR
TWO COUNTRIES TO PURSUE THEIR SHARED GOAL OF A JUST
AND ENDURING SOLUTION TO INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS:

CONVINCED OF THE IMPORTANCE TO THE SOUND
DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE POLICIES OF CLOSE AND
FREQUENT CONSULTATIONS ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST:

AND BELIEVING THAT THESE CONSIDERATIONS CALL
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FLEXIBLE MECHANISM PERMITTING
OPEN AND ACTIVE COMMUNICATION AT THE CABINET LEVEL,
HAVE ARRIVED AT THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

1. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL NORMALLY HOLD
CONSULTATIONS SEMI-ANNUALLY, ON THE FULL RANGE OF
FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS INCLUDING ANY SPECIFIC ISSUE
THAT MAY BE RAISED BY EITHER SIDE. ECONOMIC, POLITICAL,
SECURITY, CULTURAL, LEGAL, EDUCATIONAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL
SUBJECTS, WHETHER BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL, MAY BE
DISCUSSED WITHIN THE POLITICAL FRAMEWORK AFFORDED BY
THE CONSULTATIONS.

2. THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL NORMALLY BE
HELD ALTERNATELY IN BRAZIL AND THE UNITED STATES ON
DATES TO BE MUTUALLY DETERMINED. SPECIAL MEETINGS
MAY BE CALLED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

3. THE CONSULTATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED
BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THE PART OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AND BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN
RELATIONS ON THE PART OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF
BRAZIL. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING WILL BE THE
CHIEF OF THE DELEGATION OF THE HOST COUNTRY.

4. EACH DELEGATION WILL BE COMPOSED OF
SUCH OTHER HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS, INCLUDING CABINET
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MEMBERS, AS THE HEAD OF THE RESPECTIVE DELEGATION
DESIRES AND ARE APPROPRIATE TO THE AGENDA TO BE
DISCUSSED.

5. AFTER REVIEW OF MATTERS OF COMMON
INTEREST BY THE DELEGATIONS, THE CHIEFS OF THE DELEGATIONS
MAY PROPOSE TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS
MEASURES DEEMED PERTINENT AND APPROPRIATE.

6. BY JOINT DECISION, STUDY GROUPS OR WORKING GROUPS MAY BE ESTABLISHED TO EXAMINE PARTICULAR QUESTIONS OF CURRENT INTEREST OR TO HELP CARRY FORWARD SPECIAL PROJECTS.

7. EACH PARTY WILL ESTABLISH SUCH INTERNAL ARRANGEMENTS AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT MAY ARISE FROM THE CONSULTATIONS.

8. IN ADDITION TO THESE CONSULTATIONS AT THE CABINET LEVEL, CONSULTATIONS WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD ON AN ON-GOING BASIS THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. THESE CHANNELS WILL BE USED FOR THE PREPARATION OF A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGENDA FOR THE CONSULTATIONS.

9. THE FOREGOING ARRANGEMENTS WILL COMPLEMENT AND IN NO WAY REPLACE OR DETRACT FROM THE EXISTING CHANNELS FOR TRANSACTING BUSINESS.

10. THIS MEMORANDUM WILL COME INTO OPERATION UPON SIGNATURE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL.
END TEXT.
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